



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Todd Siegel et al. Atty. Docket No. 084016.00012
Serial No.: 09/ 704,134 Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: November 1, 2000 Examiner: John Roger Paradiso
Invention: "AUTOMATED SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT PACKAGING MACHINE"

AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to February 20, 2003. Applicants have included a check in the amount of \$465.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2002, please amend the application

as follows:

Adjustment date: 05/30/2003 CKHLOK
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicants' presently claimed invention.

More specifically, Applicant's claimed invention is directed to an automated pharmaceutical product packaging machine comprising a plurality of arrays of pharmaceutical product dispensers, each of the arrays of dispensers feeding corresponding